



Stitches in the Sand

July 2025

MEETING DATE: July 10th at the Norman P. Murray Center and Zoom at 7:00pm.

Programs

This month is Member's Showcase:

Victoria Crayne



Anne Hicks

Judi Nagel



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BCQG's Board Meeting is held the Third Thursday of the Month via Zoom.

Don't forget to wear your name tag at the meeting!

Need to speak to a board member—Email beachcitiesqg@gmail.com

From the President



I can't believe how fast this year is going. We are already halfway through the year.

July brings our Members Showcase. It is always exciting to hear our members journey into quilting and see their amazing quilts. We have such a talented group of ladies. I can't wait to see Victoria Crayne, Judi Nagel and Anne Hick's quilts and hear their stories.

Our Quilt Show is just around the corner. Yes, I know, it is in April. But considering how fast this year has gone, I know it will be here soon. Think about what you can do to help and let Susan Probst or Rosie Beck know. One year I decided not to do anything for the Quilt Show and I felt so left out. Jump in and be part of the hubbub. You won't regret it, I promise. Also, if you haven't already, start thinking and working on a quilt to put into the show. It is fun to see your quilt up for display. Remember, it is YOUR Quilt Guild. Get involved.

Happy Quilting,
Donna Wester
President

"One hundred years after I'm gone, they will forget who I am. But I would love for someone to look at a quilt I made, see my name, and say, "I have no idea who she was but this is lovely."

Unknown

From the Past President



President's Quilt: Help Finish Donna's National Parks Masterpiece!



Our fabulous President Donna chose “National Parks” as the theme for her quilt—an inspiring tribute to her many hiking adventures! The blocks created by BCQG members are absolutely beautiful, and this quilt is shaping up to be a true work of art.

Now it's time to bring it all together—and we need your help!



Join a Quilting Bee!

Stop by the President's Table at the July Guild Meeting to sign up for a hand quilting session. You may also contact Janet Crothers: (949)945-3495 to sign up ! These fabulous members will be hosting the Quilting Bee Sessions!

Karen Brewin Hosting: July 1,2,and 5th. 10 AM - 4 PM

Phyllis Parente Hosting: July 14, 15,16 . 10 AM - 4 PM

Margie Bushaw Hosting: July 7,8,21,22. 3 PM -7 PM

Janice Trumbauer Hosting: July 28, 29,30 31 10AM - 4PM



New to hand quilting?

No problem! Friendly members are ready to show you how. It's a great way to learn, connect with others, and experience the joy of quilting the traditional way—by hand!

This is a special moment to honor Donna and be part of something meaningful!

This quilt is going to be Fabulous because BCQG members are so creative and talented!

Questions: Call or text

Margie Bushaw (949) 233-3350

Janet Crothers: (949) 945-3495

BCQG Nominating Committee

Board Positions for 2025 - 2026

We need your help. We are in search of candidates for the open positions on the Executive Board for Beach Cities Quilters Guild.

To make this organization possible, we need volunteers for the Board and the Standing Committee positions. All Board meetings are via Zoom and communications are email and phone calls. These positions can even be co-chaired. We can only continue to operate if we have member participation.

The next term starts in October, but we need to identify candidates by **July** to be presented to the membership for approval. This year we will be filling VP- Programs, VP- Facilities, VP- Membership, Treasurer and Secretary. (The Treasurer will begin in September.)

More information is available on the BCQG website under About Us/Bylaws and in the back of the Membership Roster. I'm happy to answer any questions or provide additional details you may need. Feel free to speak to the current members in those positions, also.

Please contact me if you are interested and/or know someone who might be interested in being on the Board. I'm happy to take their information and contact them directly if that's easier. **Sometimes people just need to be asked.** Help us find those people.

My contact information is available in the Membership Roster.

Thank you,

Marian Mapes

BCQG Parliamentarian



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Monthly Mini



Congratulations to Hiroko Moriwaki, the winner of the two-sided Christmas/patriotic table runner donated by Mary Kay Fitzpatrick. Thank you, Mary Kay!

Stop by the monthly mini table during the June guild meeting for the chance to win a California bear pillow and felted candle mat pincushion donated by Deb Komatsu.



Opportunity tickets will be on sale for \$1 each, six tickets for \$5, or 13 tickets for \$10.

Friendship Circles

Hi Everybody,

Friendship Circles are off to a great start this spring. Quilty Pleasures just had a 'Methods of Dying Fabric' get-together. Judi Nagel showed us another method (yes, she has shown us techniques before), and we all got to dye multiple scarves and/or fabric in her back yard.

Sew Happy is planning a project with another friendship circle to create a couple challenge quilts. They have also put together a mini quilting retreat that is happening this month

We have recently added a machine embroidery group, called The Hoopers, that had ten members at their first meeting! They are all so enthusiastic and ready to share so much with each other, techniques, favorite tools, their favorite U-Tube videos. These folks got together and just jumped into being best buddies!



If any of this sounds like something you would like to be part of, meet please send me a text or an email and I will get back to you a.s.a.p. It doesn't matter if you don't know anyone in the guild. It doesn't matter if you don't really know how to quilt. It doesn't matter if you work full time, or if you only hand sew... We can make a group with a specialty, like hand embroidery or long arm quilting. Friendship Circles can be a few people or a lot of people. Friendship Circles exist so we can make friends and learn from each other.

I am looking forward to hearing from You!

Karen Bean
BCQG Friendship Circles
714-504-5426
karen@beanscounters.com

Philanthropy News

Every month I have the pleasure of reporting where our donated quilts go. Once in a while we hear back from those who received a quilt and it's so gratifying. Thank you all for making this possible.

Quilts donated this past month: Lighthouse Group, Showers of Appreciation, Person in Need (adult), Person in Need (child), Priority Center, Royal Therapeutic Treatment Center, UCI Oncology; Orange, Laguna Hills, Irvine, United Cerebral Palsy, Vets in Hospice, Village of Hope. Pillowcases went to CHOC - Orange, Hospice - Vitas Community Connection, Royal Therapeutic Treatment Center. CAST fleece wraps.

We have collected 37 quilts and pillowcases for Royal Family Kids Camp Mission Viejo. They will be delivered to them the last week of June. Thank you to everyone who participated in this venture. It was nice having Mr. Jim Duggin come talk to us about the camp.

Next meetings: July 7 August 4 September 8 (due to Labor Day holiday)

We meet each month at:

Presbyterian Church Of The Master 26051 Marguerite Pkwy, Mission Viejo, CA 92692
Corner of Oso and Marguerite (park in the lot closest to Oso Parkway)

Set up starts at 9:00 am! The main meeting begins at 10:00 or anytime you get there. We usually start cleaning up around 2:30. Helpers are always appreciated at Sew Day especially with set up and take down.

Show and Tell starts at 11:00! Join in the fun!

Maggie Bell has asked once again for patriotic quilts to be donated to Dana West Yacht Club for their Christmas dinner for service men and women who have no family with them at Christmas. She is looking for 10 quilts; lap size 50 X 60 or 50 X 70. They will be due the end of November.

Our July meeting: we will be celebrating Christmas in July. CHOC hospital in Orange has asked for Christmas pillowcases, nothing religious. They use these pillowcases as gift wrap for the presents donated by companies. Quilts would also be welcomed. Just remember nothing religious. Any size would be fine.

I spoke with Patrice Lambourne and she said about 20 quilts have been donated to her for fire survivors. Please when you turn in quilts to Philanthropy let us know if you'd like them to go to fire survivors and if you donate them to one of the local quilt stores, drop me a line so we know. Many thanks. We love keeping track of how many quilts are donated.

So, Janet Cowart has a new quilt pattern to share. "3 Fabrics/3 Quilts" adapted from a pattern by Anita Grossman Solomon. She is going to demonstrate how easy this is. So gather 3 1 yards of fabric and join us for a quick lesson at about 10:30. Directional fabric will not work.

Looking forward to seeing all in July.

Thank you again for all you do for Philanthropy

Janice Trumbauer
Philanthropy Chair

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BCQG Workshops are generally held on the Friday after our monthly Thursday Guild meeting at the Norman P Murray Community Center in Mission Viejo. Registration fee is \$35 for members; \$60 for non-members. (Annual BCQG membership is only \$40 and members sign up first.)

Here are a couple of pictures from our June Workshop with Marjan Kluepfel. For some participants, it was a new adventure, with new techniques and exciting possibilities.



There is no July Workshop. Our General meeting is our Members' Showcase, featuring the stories and fabulous creative work by Judi Nagel, Victoria Crayne, and Anne Hicks. We always look forward to hearing the stories and seeing the quilts of our very talented guild members.

Friday, August 15, 2025 Workshop "Scrap Vortex" with Sandra Bruce
10 am to 4 pm in the Juniper Room at the Norman Murray Center

Here is your opportunity to learn some new techniques for making a scrappy quilt using a selection of those scraps from your own collection. Try curved piecing, wonky log cabin blocks and fussy cutting to make personalized, one-of-a-kind blocks and a fun, unique finished piece. Check out her gallery at www.sandrabruce.com.



This Workshop is full. If you would like to be on the waiting list, please contact Mary Kay Fitzpatrick by email to mkfitz1066@cox.net. Workshop fee is \$35 for members, \$60 for non-members.

Friday, September 12, 2025 Workshop with Linda Neal
10 am to 4 pm in the Juniper Room at the Norman Murray Center

Particular details are coming soon.

Linda loves to work with tiny details and embellishments. Check out Linda's website, www.lindanealquilts.com. There are a couple of links to some YouTube video interviews with her about her award-winning quilts.

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Sunshine and Shadows



If you have something you would like to be included in this column, please contact me. Please include your name and contact information, and if about someone else, their name and contact information for verification.

Thank you. [Barb Gautner](#) and [Catherine Huebscher](#)

Block Party 2024-25

Hi Everyone - Block Party is rolling along. Thank you for "Blocking" with me

If you haven't started, what are you waiting for? All you need is on the website. We will be having a drawing to get quilt quilted for those that finish their tops. So get to cracken so you can be considered for the grand prize.

Sharon Farley and her team have assembled a new block of the month for you....

[Instructions](#)

These block are available on the BCQG website on the Block Party or get there directly by Clicking here—

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Show and Tell

Hi group. Its been a great last few months with lots of fun quilts. Thanks again for writing everything so clearly so Christi can read all your important info For July, let's show our summer/autumn spirit.

Also, for a variety of non guild reasons (medical, travel, etc), Tami and I are stepping down as Show and Tell Chairs. Its an easy 1x/mo job at our meetings - come see us at the table if you want more info.

Christi and Tami

June Show and Tell



Christi Valley



Catherine Huebscher



Patricia Pardoen



Gail Brrunell



Janet Crothers



Judy Ward

Show Tell Continued



Sharon Farley



Sandy Corbin & Mary King



Jan Hirth



Pat Ballard



Val Hutchins



Judy Bethe



Debbie Hulbert

Things to Do

July

10-13 and July 17-20 [Southern California Quilter's Run.](#) - "Summer Fun"

18 to Aug. 17; [Orange County Fair](#), Theme: "Find your Happy" 88 Fair Drive, Costa Mesa, CA . Come see the quilts and other crafts on display throughout the fair.

September

20 The Orange Grove Quilters Guild Presents— "Picnic in the Park" - see below for more info

October

4 Valley of the Mist Quilters Guild—Outdoor Quilt Show
For more information go to www.valleyofthemistquilters.com

11 [Flying Geese Quilters Guild Quilt Show](#)—"Quilts for All Seasons"

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Membership Form



BEACH CITIES QUILTERS GUILD MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / RENEWAL FORM

The information you provide will be used in the Beach Cities Guild directory. A completed membership application must be submitted no later than the December general meeting to be included in the directory for the current membership year. The directory is distributed to guild members and is not made available to other sources.

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- BCQG is a nonprofit organization whose purpose is to provide a creative atmosphere, to share knowledge of methods and techniques, and to encourage each member's growth and talent in the field of quilt making and related subjects.
- Meetings are held the 2nd Thursday of each month at the Norman P. Murray Center, 24932 Veteran's Way, Mission Viejo.
- Social time begins at 6:30 pm with the General Meeting & Program from 7:00 pm to approximately 9:00 pm.
- Dues are payable prior to the start of each membership year, annually from October 1 through September 30.
- Please bring this completed form and your dues (check payable to BCQG) to the Membership Table at the General meeting or mail it to:

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